Article - Public Safety

§2–316.

(a)   The Department shall establish a regional law enforcement council for each of the regions established by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council under § 2–315 of this subtitle.

(b)   The purpose of each regional council is to prevent and reduce crime by:

(1)   coordinating and focusing State and local resources; and

(2)   ensuring interagency communications and intelligence–sharing.

(c)   Each regional council shall consist of the following members:

(1)   the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(2)   the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(3)   the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(4)   the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(5)   the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, or the Director's designee;

(6)   the Director of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, or the Director's designee;

(7)   the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee; and

(8)   the chiefs of the law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in each region, or their designees.

(d)   The members of each regional council shall select the chair of the regional council.

(e)   The Department shall provide staff for each regional council.

(f)   Each regional council shall meet to:

(1)   share intelligence;

(2)   identify regional crime trends;

(3)   strategize the deployment of resources to prevent and respond to regional crime, particularly violent crime;

(4)   review outstanding warrants in the region; and

(5)   discuss community engagement efforts, technology, and training programs.

(g)   Each regional council shall meet at least quarterly.

(h)   On or before December 1 each year, each regional council shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly concerning the council's activities and recommendations.

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